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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: VISIT A. ATLEY PETERSON

1. MR. A. ATLEY PETERSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF),  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, PLANS PERSONAL VISIT TO FRG IN  
SEPTEMBER 1978. PETERSON SERVES AS PROGRAM MANAGER IN  
TREASURY (ATF) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EXPLOSIVE TAGGING  
TECHNIQUES. LEGISLATION CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS  
WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL IMPORTED OR DOMESTICALLY MANU-  
FACTURED EXPLOSIVES CONTAIN IDENTIFYING MATERIAL WHICH  
WOULD PERMIT FIXING SOURCE AND TIME OF MANUFACTURE AS WELL  
AS DETECTION OF CONCEALED EXPLOSIVES. PETERSON PREVIOUSLY  
HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG POLICE OFFICIALS ON  
TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ATF'S PROGRAM AND WITH DR. J.  
MEIER, WISSENSCHAFTLICHER DIENST DER STADTPOLIZEI ZURICH,  
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WHO HAS WRITTEN ATF FOR COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON U.S.  
EXPLOSIVES TAGGING SYSTEMS.

2. PETERSON, DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO EUROPE IN  
SEPTEMBER, WOULD BE WILLING TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE FRG AND  
GOS OFFICIALS ON USG PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND PROVIDE  
AVAILABLE INFORMATION. IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED,

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS ADXDDRESSEE EMBASSIES ADVISE

RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF PROPOSED VISIT, ASCERTAIN  
THEIR INTEREST IN MEETING WITH MR. PETERSON AND ELICIT  
THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE  
OFFICIALS, IN LAW ENFORCEMENT/COUNTER-TERRORISM/  
GOVERNMENT R&D SECTORS.

3. ON RECEIPT FRG AND SWISS RESPONSES, PETERSON WILL  
PROVIDE FIRM TRAVEL SCHEDULE. VANCE

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